REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-27 and add new claims 28-66 prior to examination. Support for the claim amendments and the new claims can be found throughout the original application. The claim amendments and the new claims do not provide any new matter.
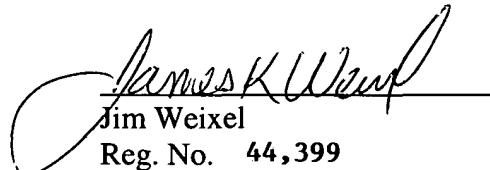
CONCLUSION

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned Attorney should questions arise concerning the Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants' Attorney does not believe that any additional extension of time or any additional fees are required for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. Should any additional extension of time or additional fees be required for timely consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, however, Applicants' Attorney hereby petitions for same and requests that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration be charged to **Deposit Account No. 07-2339.**

Further, Applicants' Attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 07-2339.**

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Cross-Reference To Related Applications

The instant application is a continuation under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending U.S. Application No. 09/400,050, filed September 21, 1999, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is claimed.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-27 were cancelled.

Claims 28-66 were added as follows.

28. (New) A method executed in a computer system of verifying generated commands, the method comprising:

  providing first switch commands generated by a first system;

  generating a subset of said first switch commands generated by said first system;

  providing data used by a second system to generate second switch commands; and

  determining whether said data used by said second system corresponds to first switch commands included in said subset, wherein a correspondence between said data and said first switch commands is indicative of said second system being capable of generating at least one second switch command equivalent to a first switch command included in said subset.

29. (New) The method of Claim 28, wherein said subset of first switch commands includes successfully executed switch commands.

30. (New) The method of Claim 28, wherein said first system is a system for generating first switch commands for a telecommunications network and said second system is a system for generating second switch commands for said telecommunications network, said second switch commands being equivalent to said first switch commands.

31. (New) The method of Claim 28, further including:

  recording said subset of first switch commands in a log file, said first switch commands being associated with at least one switch type;

  sorting said subset of said first switch commands by switch type; and

  for a switch type in said log file, determining whether said data used by said second system corresponds to first switch commands associated with said switch type, wherein a correspondence between said data and said first switch commands is indicative of said second

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system being capable of generating at least one second switch command equivalent to first switch commands associated with said switch type.

32. (New) The method of Claim 28, further including:

determining a list of switch identifiers, said switch identifiers identifying switches included in a telecommunications network; and

including at least one portion of said data used by said second system into at least one hash table, said at least one portion based on said list of switch identifiers.

33. (New) The method of Claim 32, wherein determining whether said data used by said second system corresponds to first switch commands included in said subset includes:

for a first switch command included in said subset, using said at least one hash table to identify parameters associated with said first switch command;

replacing identified parameters with at least one character representing identification in at least one hash table; and

determining that said second system is capable of generating said first switch command by determining that said parameters associated with said first switch command have been identified in at least one hash table.

34. (New) The method of Claim 33, wherein said at least one character includes at least one of a null character, a comma, and a blank character.

35. (New) The method of Claim 33, further including:

generating a summary for a switch identifier, the summary including parameters of first switch commands that have not been identified in at least one hash table.

36. (New) The method of Claim 28, wherein said data used by said second system are stored in a database used by said second system, and wherein said data include at least one of command parameters and programs used to generate second switch commands.

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37. (New) A system for verifying generated commands used in a computer system, the system comprising:

means for providing first switch commands generated by a first system;

means for generating a subset of said first switch commands generated by said first system;

means for providing data used by a second system to generate second switch commands; and

means for determining whether said data used by said second system corresponds to first switch commands included in said subset, wherein a correspondence between said data and said first switch commands is indicative of said second system being capable of generating at least one second switch command equivalent to a first switch command included in said subset.

38. (New) The system of Claim 37, wherein said subset of first switch commands includes successfully executed switch commands.

39. (New) The system of Claim 37, wherein said first system is a system for generating first switch commands for a telecommunications network and said second system is a system for generating second switch commands for said telecommunications network, said second switch commands being equivalent to said first switch commands.

40. (New) The system of Claim 37, further including:

means for recording said subset of first switch commands in a log file, said first switch commands being associated with at least one switch type;

means for sorting said subset of said first switch commands by switch type; and

for a switch type in said log file, means for determining whether said data used by said second system corresponds to first switch commands associated with said switch type, wherein a correspondence between said data and said first switch commands is indicative of said second system being capable of generating at least one second switch command equivalent to first switch commands associated with said switch type.

41. (New) The system of Claim 37, further including:

means for determining a list of switch identifiers, said switch identifiers identifying switches included in a telecommunications network; and

means for including at least one portion of said data used by said second system into at least one hash table, said at least one portion based on said list of switch identifiers.

42. (New) The system of Claim 41, wherein means for determining whether said data used by said second system corresponds to first switch commands included in said subset includes:

for a first switch command included in said subset, means for using said at least one hash table to identify parameters associated with said first switch command;

means for replacing identified parameters with at least one character representing identification in at least one hash table; and

means for determining that said second system is capable of generating said first switch command by determining that said parameters associated with said first switch command have been identified in at least one hash table.

43. (New) The system of Claim 42, wherein said at least one character includes at least one of a null character, a comma, and a blank character.

44. (New) The system of Claim 42, further including:

means for generating a summary for a switch identifier, the summary including parameters of first switch commands that have not been identified in at least one hash table.

45. (New) The system of Claim 37, wherein said data used by said second system are stored in a database used by said second system, and wherein said data include at least one of command parameters and programs used to generate second switch commands.

46. (New) A system for verifying commands, the system comprising:

machine executable instructions for providing first switch commands generated by a first system;

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machine executable instructions for generating a subset of said first switch commands generated by said first system;

machine executable instructions for providing data used by a second system to generate second switch commands; and

machine executable instructions for determining whether said data used by said second system corresponds to first switch commands included in said subset, wherein a correspondence between said data and said first switch commands is indicative of said second system being capable of generating at least one second switch command equivalent to a first switch command included in said subset.

47. (New) The system of Claim 46, wherein said subset of first switch commands includes successfully executed switch commands.

48. (New) The system of Claim 46, wherein said first system is a system for generating first switch commands for a telecommunications network and said second system is a system for generating second switch commands for said telecommunications network, said second switch commands being equivalent to said first switch commands.

49. (New) The system of Claim 46, further including:

machine executable instructions for recording said subset of first switch commands in a log file, said first switch commands being associated with at least one switch type;

machine executable instructions for sorting said subset of said first switch commands by switch type; and

for a switch type in said log file, machine executable instructions for determining whether said data used by said second system corresponds to first switch commands associated with said switch type, wherein a correspondence between said data and said first switch commands is indicative of said second system being capable of generating at least one second switch command equivalent to first switch commands associated with said switch type.

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50. (New) The system of Claim 46, further including:

machine executable instructions for determining a list of switch identifiers, said switch identifiers identifying switches included in a telecommunications network; and

machine executable instructions for including at least one portion of said data used by said second system into at least one hash table, said at least one portion based on said list of switch identifiers.

51. (New) The system of Claim 50, wherein machine executable instructions for determining whether said data used by said second system corresponds to first switch commands included in said subset include:

for a first switch command included in said subset, machine executable instructions for using said at least one hash table to identify parameters associated with said first switch command;

machine executable instructions for replacing identified parameters with at least one character representing identification in at least one hash table; and

machine executable instructions for determining that said second system is capable of generating said first switch command by determining that said parameters associated with said first switch command have been identified in at least one hash table.

52. (New) The system of Claim 51, wherein said at least one character includes at least one of a null character, a comma, and a blank character.

53. (New) The system of Claim 51, further including:

machine executable instructions for generating a summary for a switch identifier, the summary including parameters of first switch commands that have not been identified in at least one hash table.

54. (New) The system of Claim 46, wherein said data used by said second system are stored in a database used by said second system, and wherein said data include at least one of command parameters and programs used to generate second switch commands.

55. (New) A method of verifying switch commands for a telecommunications network, the method comprising:

obtaining from a first system first executable switch commands for a telecommunications network;

providing data used by a second system to generate second executable switch commands for the telecommunications network;

comparing the first executable switch commands with the data used by the second system; and,

based on a match between a first executable switch command and the data used by the second system, identifying the matched first executable switch command as being coded by data used by the second system to generate a second executable switch command for the telecommunications network.

56. (New) The method of claim 55, further including:

determining switch types included in the telecommunications network;

recording at least one portion of the first executable switch commands in a log file, the at least one portion based on the switch types; and,

generating a hash table including at least one portion of the data used by the second system, the at least one portion based on the switch types.

57. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein identifying includes:

based on a match between a first executable switch command in the log file and the data included in the hash table, replacing the matched first executable switch command in the log file with at least one character representing identification in the hash table.

58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the at least one character includes at least one of a null character, a comma, and a blank character.

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59. (New) A system of verifying switch commands for a telecommunications network, the system comprising:

means for obtaining from a first system first executable switch commands for a telecommunications network;

means for providing data used by a second system to generate second executable switch commands for the telecommunications network;

means for comparing the first executable switch commands with the data used by the second system; and,

based on a match between a first executable switch command and the data used by the second system, means for identifying the matched first executable switch command as being coded by data used by the second system to generate a second executable switch command for the telecommunications network.

60. (New) The system of claim 59, further including:

means for determining switch types included in the telecommunications network;

means for recording at least one portion of the first executable switch commands in a log file, the at least one portion based on the switch types; and,

means for generating a hash table including at least one portion of the data used by the second system, the at least one portion based on the switch types.

61. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein means for identifying includes:

based on a match between a first executable switch command in the log file and the data included in the hash table, means for replacing the matched first executable switch command in the log file with at least one character representing identification in the hash table.

62. (New) The system of claim 61, wherein the at least one character includes at least one of a null character, a comma, and a blank character.

63. (New) A system of verifying switch commands for a telecommunications network, the system comprising:

machine executable instructions for obtaining from a first system first executable switch commands for a telecommunications network;

machine executable instructions for providing data used by a second system to generate second executable switch commands for the telecommunications network;

machine executable instructions for comparing the first executable switch commands with the data used by the second system; and,

based on a match between a first executable switch command and the data used by the second system, machine executable instructions for identifying the matched first executable switch command as being coded by data used by the second system to generate a second executable switch command for the telecommunications network.

64. (New) The system of claim 63, further including:

machine executable instructions for determining switch types included in the telecommunications network;

machine executable instructions for recording at least one portion of the first executable switch commands in a log file, the at least one portion based on the switch types; and,

machine executable instructions for generating a hash table including at least one portion of the data used by the second system, the at least one portion based on the switch types.

65. (New) The system of claim 64, wherein machine executable instructions for identifying include:

based on a match between a first executable switch command in the log file and the data included in the hash table, machine executable instructions for replacing the matched first executable switch command in the log file with at least one character representing identification in the hash table.

66. (New) The system of claim 65, wherein the at least one character includes at least one of a null character, a comma, and a blank character.